**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THELMA DEHOLLOWIN WALTERS BAILEY OF RICHLAND COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to learn that Thelma Dehollowin Walters Bailey of Richland County will celebrate her ninetieth birthday on May 27, 2021; and

Whereas, born in Columbia on May 27, 1931, in the early part of the twentieth century, she has witnessed many remarkable social changes, technological advancements, and international developments that have spanned the globe from that time into the second decade of the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas, Mrs. Bailey is the eldest daughter of the late Richard and Rose Lee Green Walters, and she was reared in Allen Benedict Court of the Waverly Community in Richland County; and

Whereas, she attended Saxon and Waverly Elementary schools and Carver Junior High School, and she graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1946; and

Whereas, in 1962, Mrs. Bailey earned a bachelor’s degree from Benedict College in elementary education and a master’s degree in administration from the University of South Carolina in 1976; and

Whereas, during her career as an educator, she served as a teacher at Florence C. Benson Middle School, Carver Elementary School, and Midlands Technical School, and as a principal at Wil Lou Gray Academy. She became a permanent substitute at W. G. Sanders Middle School; and

Whereas, Mrs. Bailey is member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, The Couples Club, bridge clubs, and several bowling leagues, and she was a founder of the Red Hat Society; and

Whereas, she was a member of Jones Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church, formerly Jones Chapel, before joining Second Calvary Baptist Church after her marriage, where she served as a deaconess, in the choir, as a pulpit aid, in the Missionary Society, and as a Sunday school teacher for over forty years; and

Whereas, she married her beloved husband, the late John Lee Bailey, Sr., on March 19, 1947, and together they reared four fine children. Their children blessed them with the affection of sixteen loving grandchildren. She has been doubly blessed to see the continuation of her loving family legacy in seven great‑grandchildren and two great‑great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to honor the rich life of this daughter of South Carolina at the celebration of her ninetieth birthday and join with her family and friends in congratulating her on reaching this extraordinary milestone. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Thelma Dehollowin Walters Bailey of Richland County on the occasion of her ninetieth birthday and wish her a joyous birthday celebration and many years of continued health and happiness.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Thelma Dehollowin Walters Bailey.

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